

## **Research Permit Guidelines**

Research permits are required for all individuals conducting research on listed plant species. Collection of seeds requires a Plant Research Permit. Plant Research Permits are issued only for scientific research. Permits are required for all individuals on both public and private lands. Some exceptions apply for federal employees on federal lands. Please refer to Guidelines for Conducting Plant Research and the Plant Research Permit for additional information.

The Rare Plant Program also issues Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plant Collecting Permits to individuals who will be collecting voucher specimens to either document a newly-discovered or previously unvouchered occurrence of a listed plant. This type of permits covers collection of voucher specimens only. Please contact the HCB at 916-653-4875 for further information.

Permit processing and approval general takes 6-8 weeks. Please submit applications early to ensure that your permit will be ready by your proposed start date.

In addition to collection of and research on listed plants, the Department may also authorize the take and possession of State-listed species in conjunction with projects. Please contact the Environmental Review Program for additional information.